THE VANDEVELD LAW OFFICES, P.C. FILED DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM Curtis C. Van de veld, Esq. Suite 215, 194 Hernan Cortes Avenue Hagåtña, Guam 96910 OCT 24 2003 Telephone: (671) 472-2863 3 Facsimile: (671) 472-2886 MARY L. M. MORAN CLERK OF COURT 4 Attorney for Defendants/Counterclaim-plaintiffs: SUN Y. WAKUGAWA and 5 KOWON SHIPPING CORP. 6 7 8 9 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM 10 TERRITORY OF GUAM 11 Civil Case No. 03-00034 PEOPLE HOLDINGS CO. LTD., 12 13 Plaintiff/Counterclaim-defendant, ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS SUN Y. 14 VS. WAKUGAWA and KOWON SHIPPING CORP., TO COMPLAINT 15 SUN Y. WAKUGAWA, KOWON SHIIPING and COUNTERCLAIM CORP., and SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., 16 17 Defendants/Counterclaim-plaintiffs. 18 ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS SUN Y. WAKUGAWA and KOWON SHIPPING CORP. 19 PLEASE BE ADVISED that Defendants SUN Y. WAKUGAWA and KOWON 20 SHIPPING CORP., through counsel, The Vandeveld Law Offices, P.C., by Curtis C. Van de 21 veld, Esq., (hereinafter referred to as "Defendants"), answer the Complaint of plaintiff as follows: 22 Defendants deny all allegations made in the Complaint which are not otherwise 23 1. 24 specifically admitted within this answer. 25 PEOPLE HOLDINGS CO. LTD., vs. WAKUGAWA, KOWON SHIPPING CORP., and SINO TRADING GUAM, INC. Civil Case No. 03-00034 Page 1 ANSWER TO COMPLAINT and Counterclaim CARLINAL

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incorporate the entirety of Exhibit 3, as though fully set forth here, but otherwise deny the remaining allegations and inferences of paragraph 16.

- 15. Defendants admit that on April 26, 2003, an original letter in the form and content of Exhibit 4, which is a true and correct copy of its original, was transmitted to Plaintiff to inform Plaintiff of the breach of the parties agreement by Plaintiff and by this reference Defendants incorporate the entirety of Exhibit 4, as though fully set forth here, but otherwise deny the remaining allegations and inferences of paragraph 17.
- 16. Defendants admit that in an effort to mitigate their damages and cover for losses from Plaintiff's breach of contract which resulted in Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., breaching its agreement with Defendants, that Defendants attempted to sell the metal scrap to another buyer, Rising Year, International Guam Corp., however, Plaintiff threatened suit against such replacement buyer and the buyer refused to consummate the transaction. Further, despite other efforts to find a substitute buyer, Plaintiff has threatened the available shipping carriers with suit if those carriers transport the scrap metal cargo, rendering it impracticable or impossible for Defendants to mitigate the damages arising from Plaintiff's beach of contract with Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., however, Defendants deny all other allegations and inferences of paragraph 18.
  - 17. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 19.
- 18. Defendants lack sufficient information to form an opinion as to the truth or falsity of paragraph 20, and on such basis deny the same, however, Defendants further assert that such arrangements were not made timely and appropriately as required under the parties agreement and that Plaintiff further breached the agreement by failure to make the payments to Defendant SINO

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TRADING GUAM, INC., and thereby due to Plaintiff's breach, Plaintiff is barred from recovery from any and all Defendants because of the prior breach.

19. Defendants deny all the allegations and inferences arising from paragraphs 21, 22, 23, and 24.

### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 20. Failure To State A Claim For Which Relief May Be Granted. Plaintiff's complaint fails to state a claim for breach of contract upon which relief may be granted as to certain defendants there being no contractual arrangement existing, and therefore the claims of Plaintiff should be dismissed and plaintiff denied all relief at law and equity requested.
- 21. Failure Of Consideration. Plaintiff has failed to provide the consideration necessary to form an obligation between Plaintiff and the several of all the Defendants either in law or equity.
- 22. Failure To Mitigate Damages. Plaintiff has failed to take such reasonable and ordinary actions such as to prevent Plaintiff from incurring loss and as to those losses which Plaintiff could have avoided by the use of reasonable and ordinary action to prevent the loss, Plaintiff is barred from recovery.
- 23. Plaintiff Lacks Good Faith. Plaintiff has acted in bad faith in the performance of the legal obligations of the parties, if any exist, by failure to perform its obligations to the several of all the Defendants, or any of them singularly, and as such is not entitled to any recovery at law or equity from any or all of the Defendants.
- 24. Setoff. Any claim found in favor of Plaintiff must be diminished by setoff of the expenses and claims of the various Defendants, all of them, reasonably incurred in the performance of the legal obligations of the respective party.

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Respectfully submitted: this Friday, October 24, 2003.

THE VANDEVELD LAW OFFICES, P.C.

Curtis C. Van de veld, Esq. Attorney for Defendants SUN Y. WAKUGAWA and KOWON SHIPPING CORP.

# COUNTERCLAIM by SUN Y. WAKUGAWA and KOWON SHIPPING CORP.

Defendants and Counterclaim-plaintiffs SUN Y. WAKUGAWA and KOWON SHIPPING CORP., through their counsel, The Vandeveld Law Offices, P.C., Curtis C. Van de veld, Esq., here now allege their counterclaim against Plaintiff/Counterclaim-defendant PEOPLE HOLDINGS CO., LTD., as follows:

### **PARTIES**

- A. Counterclaim-plaintiff SUN Y. WAKUGAWA was at all times relevant to the matters addressed herein, and is now, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Territory of Guam, over the age of majority and legally competent to contract.
- B. Counterclaim-plaintiff KOWON SHIIPING CORP., was at all times relevant to the mattes addressed herein, and is now, a corporation formed, organized and existing under the laws of the Territory of Guam and doing business therein at its principal place of business in the Territory of Guam.
- C. Upon information and belief, Counterclaim-plaintiffs allege that Counterclaim-defendant PEOPLE HOLDINGS CO., LTD., was at all times relevant to the matters addressed herein, and is now, a corporation formed and organized under the laws of the Republic of Korea with its principal place of business located therein.

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### **JURISDICTION**

D. The District Court Of Guam has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of
this counterclaim by the authority arising under 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(2) diversity of citizenship, is
that the claim alleged in the Complaint exceeds in value the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of
interests and costs, and Plaintiff is a citizen of a foreign state and defendants are citizens of
Guam, U.S.A., and this counterclaim is brought pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
Rule 13(a), and is further authorized under 28 U.S.C. §1367(a), in that the counterclaim is related
to the claim in the action for which the court has original jurisdiction. This court has further
original jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(2), in that the counterclaim
alleges a claim by Counterclaim-plaintiffs who are citizens of the jurisdiction of Guam, with the
principal place of the business of Counterclaim-plaintiff KOWON SHIPPING CORP., being in
Guam, against a Counterclaim-defendant PEOPLE HOLDING'S CO., LTD., from a foreign
jurisdiction, the Republic of Korea and the amount in controversy exceeds in value the sum of
\$75,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs.

### **VENUE**

E. The United States District Court of Guam is the proper venue for hearing this matter as the defendants are resident herein, the property in dispute rests in this jurisdiction, the contract forming the basis of the relationship sued upon was entered into in Guam and the legal obligations between the parties subject to the counterclaim were formed in Guam.

# **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# BREACH OF CONTRACT WITH INTENT TO BENEFIT THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

F. Counterclaim-plaintiffs incorporate here by this reference, as though fully set forth, all the allegations admitted in the answer set forth above.

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directly to DRMO in the sum of ninety-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$92,500.00) as alleged in the Complaint at paragraph 11.

- N. Counterclaim-defendant was at all times aware that Counterclaim-plaintiffs were Third Party Beneficiaries of the contractual relationship between Counterclaim-defendant and Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC.
- O. Counterclaim-defendant breached the agreement referenced in paragraph G, Exhibit 2, by failing to pay to Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., the amounts due to Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., at the time the payments were due.
- P. Because of the failure to pay referenced in paragraph O, Counterclaim-defendant prevented Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., from paying to Counterclaim-plaintiffs the amounts due to Counterclaim-plaintiffs from Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., for acquisition of the scrap metal by Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., from Counterclaim-plaintiffs.
- Q. The failure to pay by Counterclaim-defendant referenced in paragraphs O and P, breached the agreement which is Exhibit 2, and directly and proximately caused Third Party Beneficiaries Counterclaim-plaintiffs to suffer lost income and to incur out-of-pocket expenses all to the damage and detriment of Counterclaim-plaintiffs, which amount continues to increase with each passing day, and which amount shall be proven at time of trial.
- R. Some of the out-of-pocket expenses referenced in paragraph Q, that were incurred by Third Party Beneficiaries Counterclaim-plaintiffs arising from Counterclaim-defendant's breach of the contract with Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., are set forth in Exhibit 3 to the Complaint.
- S. Counterclaim-defendant's actions in breaching the contract with Defendant SINO TRADING GUAM, INC., and thereby inflicting damage upon Third Party Beneficiaries –

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Counterclaim-plaintiffs was done maliciously and/or oppressively, and therefore the court may award to Counterclaim-plaintiffs exemplary damages from Counterclaim-defendant.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

### TORIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH BUSINESS RELATIONS

- T. Counterclaim-plaintiffs here incorporate by this reference, all the allegations set forth in paragraphs A through S, above, as though fully set forth here.
- U. Counterclaim-plaintiffs have sought to reduce their damages by mitigation through seeking to sell the scrap metal underlying this dispute to other parties.
- V. Counterclaim-defendant became aware of Counterclaim-plaintiffs' efforts and has threatened each of the prospective purchasers and shippers of the scrap metal with suit including injunctive relief and damages if they engage in business with Counterclaim-plaintiffs.
- W. Such interference by Counterclaim-defendant has caused pecuniary loss to Counterclaim-plaintiffs, which amount continues to grow but has already exceeded one hundred thousand dollars, and for which loss Counterclaim-plaintiffs will seek to be compensated in an amount to be proven at time of trial
- X. The conduct of Counterclaim-defendant alleged in paragraphs T through W, in inducing or otherwise causing third parties from engaging in prospective business with Counterclaim-plaintiffs or in preventing Counterclaim-plaintiffs from acquiring prospective business relations is without legal justification or excuse and has directly and proximately caused damage to Counterclaim-plaintiffs in an amount to be proven at time of trial.

WHEREFORE, Counterclaim-plaintiffs pray this honorable court will grant judgment to Counterclaim-plaintiffs as follows:

a. For damages arising from the breach of the contract for lost income and out-of-pocket expenses according to proof at the time or trial;

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1	b. For exemplary damages according to proof at time of trial;				
2	c. For general damages for Counterclaim-defendant's actions in tortiously				
3	interfering with Counterclaim-plaintiffs' right of contract with others;				
4	d.	For general damages and pecuniary	damages for to	ortuous interference by	
5	Counterclaim-defendant with Counterclaim-plaintiffs' prospective business relations according				
6	to proof at trial;				
7	e.	For costs of suit;			
8	f.	An equitable award of Counter-plain	tiffs' attorney	's fees in bringing this action;	
9	g.	Such other and further relief not spec	cifically reque	ested herein that the court in	
10	hearing this matter determines that it is just and proper that such relief be awarded to				
11	Counterclaim-plaintiffs in law or equity.				
12	Respectfully submitted: this Friday, October 24, 2003.				
13	THE VANDEVELD LAW OFFICES, P.C.				
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17		SUN Y. WAKUGAWA and KOWON SHIPPING CORP.			
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19	I, SUN Y. WAKUGAWA, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of Guam				
20	that I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this document as stated above and that				
21	the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, pursuant to <u>6 G.C.A.</u>				
22	§4308, this Friday, October 24, 2003				
23	SUN Y. WAKUGAWA				
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